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cartridges being formed in one piece by a joint mechanism for detachably joining the plurality of ink cartridges;

a placement section in which said ink cartridge detachably is placed; and

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an ink jet head comprising a plurality of ink nozzle groups including a first ink nozzle group for ejecting the ink in the first ink bag of said ink cartridge placed in said placement section, and a second ink nozzle group for ejecting the ink in the second ink bag of said ink cartridge placed in said placement section, said ink jet head being adapted to execute any desired printing on record paper relatively moved

wherein the waste-ink holding member is placed in the cartridge having the smallest value resulting from dividing the amount of ink in the ink bag housed in each ink cartridge by the number of nozzles of the ink nozzle group corresponding to the ink bag.

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42. The ink jet printer as claimed in claim 41, wherein the waste-ink holding member has a holding capacity in the range of 1 to 1.3 times a capacity found by multiplying (i) the volume of ink available to said ink jet head as the amount of ink stored in the ink cartridge in which the waste-ink holding member is placed, by (ii) the total number of nozzles contained in the plurality of ink nozzle groups divided by the number of the ink nozzle groups for ejecting ink in the ink cartridge having the waste-ink holding member.--

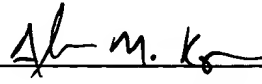
REMARKS

Claims 22-42 are present in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-21 have been canceled and claims 22-42 have been added.

A prompt and favorable Office Action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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